

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 99-073**

**INCIDENT NO. 1**

**DATE: September 3, 1999**

**TIME: 4:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Excessive rains in saturated areas of south central and southeastern North Dakota have caused small creeks, streams and area rivers to rise, threatening roads and farmlands.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported.
3. DAMAGES: Excessive rains will cause the Red River of the North to rise in the Fargo area, the National Weather Service (NWS) reported on September 3. During September 2-3, a large area of southeast North Dakota and west central Minnesota received 2.0 to 3.5 inches of rain. Flood stage at Fargo is 17.0 feet, and the current stage is 15.9 feet. The river is expected to rise to near 17.5 feet on Saturday, September 4. With additional heavy rains possible Friday night and Saturday, further rises may well occur.

Three to four inches of rain has fallen during the last 24 hours in eastern Dickey County. One to two inches have fallen over the last 24 hours in McIntosh, Logan and LaMoure Counties. The NWS issued urban and small stream flood advisories for these counties; the advisories have since expired.

A one-half-foot increase of the level of the James River at Ludden in Dickey County has occurred in the past 24 hours. The latest stage was 11.7 feet at 7 a.m. September 3. Flood stage is 12 feet. A maximum stage of 13.8 feet is forecasted to occur by next September 9-10. The highest crest reached this spring at Ludden was 13.9 feet on May 20, 1999.

Logan County officials report that heavy rainfall has made some county roads nearly impassible. One road has been inundated by flood waters. Some areas of the county have received up to six inches of rain during the past few days.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Local law enforcement, emergency management staff, city and county public works departments and fire departments are monitoring flooding conditions and pumping.

STATE: The Division of Emergency Management and National Guard reviewed the availability of pumps.

FEDERAL: None reported at this time.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: None reported at this time.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The City of Oakes is experiencing flooding problems in the southeast area of the community. A local farmer and the fire department are furnishing equipment to assist in pumping the flood waters. City officials requested information on the availability of additional pumps if conditions continue to worsen.

The Logan County Sheriff's Office has been checking road conditions.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None reported at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None reported at this time.
9. OTHER: Situation Reports published by the N.D. Division of Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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